

**Town of Webster
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street
Webster, NH 03303
Final Minutes – March 14, 2016
Approved March 28, 2016**

Staff Present: Bruce Johnson, Michael Borek, Wendy Pinkham, Phil Mitchell, Emmett Bean and Leslie Palmer

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Board Motion: Selectman Johnson moved to appoint Nanci Schofield to the open Select Board seat. Selectman Borek seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Selectman Johnson mentioned to Nanci that she earned this position on her own merits, has a high level of enthusiasm, high interest, and a good sense of commitment, and that she also seems to be a good, strong, independent thinker. Selectman Borek recognized Nanci's ability to listen to all people, not take sides, and do what's best for the Town. Selectman Johnson swore Nanci into the new position. Nanci took a seat at the table.

Board Motion: Selectman Borek moved to appoint Selectman Johnson as Chairman of the Select Board for the next year. Selectwoman Schofield seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Selectman Johnson read the following prepared statement:

I would like to make a comment before we start tonight. I take away from Town meeting this year that those attending want desperately to see this Town as a community that cares about each other, a community that pulls together, and a community that works together towards solutions. Some people look towards the Select Board as the leaders who should or will pull this Town together. We have a part in that, but the reality is that this Town, or any small town, will never pull together until all of the people truly want to pull together and work together. People can disagree and that's fine. It's how that disagreement is approached that shows true intents. I ask all Webster residents to pull together, support each other, and move forward. We can do this. We must do this. I will put extra effort into my part and hope others will do the same.

Department Heads:

The Board took comments and questions from the Financial Administrator, Interim Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Road Agent.

Board Motion: Chairman Johnson moved to give the Road Agent authority to post the roads and to take down the postings when appropriate. Selectman Borek seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Chairman Johnson will check into Granite Roots extending the Safety Building roofing warranty for one more year due to new roof repairs.

All Department heads, Police, Fire, Highways and Roads, and Administrative Assistant asked to create an inventory of all items valued above \$250, and to submit that list to Leslie. The Planning Board will research whether the Town has the authority to complete a Capital Improvement Plan. The Police Department has been asked to continue to work on keeping tractor trailers off Bashan Hollow and Gerrish Roads. Emmett will meet with Engineer Erin Darrow on Wednesday to get moving on Clothespin Bridge and other road projects. Clothespin Bridge boring is set for April 4th. Chairman Johnson and Administrator Palmer will work on the Clothespin Bridge engineering RFP. Chairman Johnson will research whether or not the Town can extend General Stark 350 feet for additional road work.

Mr. Chesley - Operation of a Business:

Chairman Johnson offered Mr. Chesley that the Board can go into non-public session due to the reputation of a person, with that person being Mr. Chesley, unless Mr. Chelsey wanted to meet in public session. Mr. Chesley responded to meet in public session. Mr. Chelsey shared his possible plans for business at his 155 Battle Street property to include: towing to COPART and keeping his trucks parked overnight and possibly turning his property into a junk yard business, possibly erecting a fence. There are presently 6 to 7 unregistered cars. Comments were taken from Planning Board member Jere Buckley and ZBA member Robert Drown, both speaking as individuals and not for the Boards. Mr. Chelsey will get a letter from the bank stating that he is the "authorized agent" of the property, will be able to park his trucks on his property for now, and will register all vehicles on the property within 10 days. The Select Board will revisit this at the next meeting or the following meeting.

Selectman Johnson made a motion at 7:45 PM to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A3, IIC. Chairman Johnson – Yes, Selectman Borek – Yes, Selectwoman Schofield - Yes.

Select Board members reconvened the meeting at 8:10 PM. Chairman Johnson stated that the Board read and discussed a personal and confidential letter to the Webster Board of Selectman received March 11, 2016.

Chairman Johnson will set up a meeting between Town Counsel, the Select Board, Jason Major, and Emmett Bean to discuss the Road Agent contract.

Board Motion: Selectman Borek moved to appoint Selectwoman Schofield as the Select Board member on the Planning Board, and Selectman Borek being the Select Board alternate. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

Selectman Johnson motioned to close the meeting at 8:18. Selectman Borek seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bruce G. Johnson